



## **F&M RECOGNIZES LOCAL HEROES THROUGH 2007 GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS**

### *Nomination Process Underway*

COLUMBIA, Tenn. Jan. 30, 2007 – You can find them throughout the community – at work, in grocery stores and in church. They are good neighbors and the contributions they make to our community are invaluable. But unfortunately they don't always get the recognition they deserve – until now.

The 2007 F&M Good Neighbor Awards will reward acts of community service in Maury County this spring. F&M will honor local heroes in three categories that epitomize F&M's core values of Relationships, Leadership and Commitment.

F&M is looking for people who demonstrate the following:

- **Relationships:** An outgoing, friendly person who demonstrates a high level of involvement, influence and association with people in our community. Someone who brings people together.
- **Leadership:** A person who uses his or her leadership position for the good of others.
- **Commitment:** An everyday, possibly unnoticed hero who has dedicated many years to helping others.

“Our community is full of people who regularly sacrifice their own time and energy to benefit others,” said T. Randy Stevens, F&M chairman and CEO. “The F&M Good Neighbor Awards will give them the credit they greatly deserve.”

Nominations for the 2007 F&M Good Neighbor Awards will be accepted through Feb.

23, 2007. Nomination forms are available in F&M office lobbies, on [www.fandmbank.com](http://www.fandmbank.com) and will also appear this newspaper.

To nominate a Good Neighbor, drop off or mail a completed nomination form to any F&M office. The entire public is invited to participate; non-F&M customers are encouraged to make and receive nominations as well.

Finalists and winners of the 2007 F&M Good Neighbor Awards will be announced this spring.

F&M employees and their family members are not eligible to make or receive nominations. No purchase necessary.

Founded in 1909, First Farmers & Merchants Bank (Member FDIC) is one of the most successful independent banks in Tennessee, with total assets over \$800 million and an additional \$2.5 billion in assets held by its Trust & Financial Management Department. Headquartered in Columbia, the bank operates 19 offices in a seven-county area that includes Maury, Lawrence, Marshall, Hickman, Dickson, Giles and Williamson counties. It is distinguished by its commitment to traditional, personal banking relationships that incorporate state-of-the-art technology to provide the highest possible level of service.

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